

Spring seems to be coming early this year. Enjoy the warm weather while it lasts.



## Wood Arrested For DUI Charge

By ZACH MORETTI

Last week, the University of Mary Washington's men's head basketball coach Rod Wood was placed on administrative leave following a DUI arrest that occurred on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Wood spoke with the Bullet earlier this week in his first public comments since the Feb. 15 incident and said that he had a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21, with UMW Athletic Director Ed Hegmann and Vice President for Student Affairs Doug Searcy, to discuss his future with the university. In that meeting, Wood said it was determined that his administrative leave would be officially lifted on Friday, Feb. 24, at noon.

That means that Wood will not be patrolling the sidelines tonight when his Eagles host Hood College in the semifinals of the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament. Wood said that associate head coach Dan

Bairley will act as head coach in his stay.

Wood, 44, was cited by Fredericksburg police for reckless driving in the 300 block of Amaret St. following the Eagles' 94-59 senior night victory over Stevenson University. According to the police report, Wood refused to take a blood or breath test once he was pulled over. Wood was released last Thursday and has a court date set for mid-March.

According to city police spokesperson Natatia Bledsoe, a police officer can make a DUI arrest based on observed characteristics of the person in suspicion, including the odor of an alcoholic beverage on the breath, the impaired ability to walk and speak, and other physical signs that are indicative of alcohol consumption.

Wood has already missed one game as a result of his administrative leave, as he did not coach the Eagles' regular season finale last Saturday against Wesley College. The men's basketball team went on to lose that game



Courtesy of UMW  
Rod Wood.

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## Staff Receives Service Awards

By SHANNON STOREY

For six University of Mary Washington employees, this February marked a milestone in their careers. Michael Hawkins, Johnny Newett, Jennifer Batson, Curtiss Grymala, Timothy Owens and Paul Riley all received UMW Service Awards this month.

The UMW Service Award

marks the anniversaries of Virginia state employment. "Recognition is given for total years of state service, not just UMW service," explained Human Resources Analyst Lynne Lee.

This award recognizes years of employment starting at five years and ranging to 45 years of service.

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Courtesy of UMW

President Rick Hurley cuts the ribbon during the dedication of UMW's new campus at Dahlgren, Va.

## Dedication Ceremony Celebrates Opening of Dahlgren Campus

By RIVES KUHAR

With state and local officials present, the University of Mary Washington dedicated its third campus on Jan. 17, 2012, the Dahlgren Campus Center for Education and Research, which offers graduate-level courses in science, technology, engineering and math.

Mark Safferson, the executive director of the UMW Dahlgren Campus, opened the dedication by talking about the community's needs, requirements, specifications and most importantly the dreams that inspired the creation of the

Dahlgren campus.

Rick Pearce, vice president of administration and finance, is particularly pleased with the campus' technological design.

"How we have engineered technology in this building in a friendly and intuitive way, it just fits," said Pearce.

Capt. Gary Shoman, Naval Commander of the Joint Warfare Analysis Center at Dahlgren, stated that the courses offered at Dahlgren will help in protecting our nation from future threats and that he is looking forward to academic expertise of UMW to "meet the military objectives today and in the near future."

Dahlgren is now apart of "Engineers PRODUCED" in Virginia, an academic outreach program that allows students to stay in their home community by earning an Associate of Science in Engineering degree from their local community college and then a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Science from the University of Virginia.

"This really is an important building for the region. When you look for graduate schools, you're traveling. Dahlgren alleviates that for the region," said Jeff Sili, who serves on the Caroline County Board of Supervisors. "For Caroline and King

County, it's great for adults and people with families."

Rep. Rob Wittman, from Virginia's 1st Congressional District, addressed the audience and took pride in the educational opportunity Dahlgren offers.

"[Dahlgren] is a vision of the state and community coming together. Just think of the things that will happen here. It's not only the facility; it's the people that will be here. Collaboration will provide innovation and creation," Wittman said.

Dale Sisson, the junior vice-chairman for King George

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## Humphrey Takes Mentor Position

By JONATHAN POLSON

Shawn Humphrey, associate professor of economics, has been chosen to be a commitment mentor for advocacy and awareness at the fifth annual Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) meeting.

The annual meeting is organized to bring together future leaders and facilitate discussion on and move toward solving pressing, global issues.

Humphrey said it is an honor to be chosen as one of 30 mentors who are usually made up of "non-profit leaders and only a few educators."

According to the CGIU's official website, students develop commitments to action that set out to address problems that exist on their campus, in their community, or anywhere else in the world. Students then work with experts in a certain commitment area, to help complete their projects.

Humphrey says that he will be assigned 50 students with



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Shawn Humphrey will participate in the fifth annual Clinton Global Initiative University meeting.

whom he will organize events to help build networks.

Humphrey says he believes he was chosen to be one of 30 commitment mentors due to the work he and his students have done at UMW. One of the major projects he has worked on with his students is the Two Dollar

Challenge program.

The Two Dollar Challenge raises awareness for poverty and allows students to experience what it means to live off of only two dollars a day. Humphrey describes the Two Dollar Challenge as "a very ambitious program."

In 2009, Humphrey and his students were chosen to present their commitment to action involving the Two Dollar Challenge program at that year's CGIU meeting.

"We have, since 2009, had a long history with CGIU," said Humphrey. "Again and again, my students and I have demonstrated our ability to deliver on projects and make a national impact."

Two teams of Humphrey's students have also been invited to this year's CGIU meeting to present their commitments to action.

Senior international affairs major Sarah Alvarez, who participated in the Two Dollar Challenge last year, said, "An invitation to CGIU is a great opportunity... to increase public awareness about the issues we feel passionately about."

This is Humphrey's first year as a mentor at CGIU, but his students have been chosen to present their commitments to action

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## BOV Discusses Complaints

By KYLE LEFLER

The University of Mary Washington Board of Visitors met Friday Feb. 17 to discuss the current state of the university, including UMW's response to recent community concerns and complaints related to student nuisances.

Doug Searcy, vice president for student affairs, brought the issue to the board along with an update from his perspective. Searcy has been in constant communication with community members since the fall semester, when concerns began to surface regarding noise and litter violations associated with college students.

"The issues we're having in Fredericksburg are common in college and university settings," said Searcy.

He also emphasized the importance of community relations and suggested that students can

begin this process by introducing themselves to their neighbors and trying to build a relationship. Events such as neighborhood association meetings and the recent Student Government Association Town hall meeting can also facilitate these relationships and begin a dialogue between students and the community.

President Rick Hurley continued the conversation, emphasizing that the majority of the problems can be reconciled through logic. Hurley said that the College Heights neighborhood in particular is "in transition," as more college students move into the community.

Both Hurley and Searcy discussed a new Banner system database that would, according to Searcy, "develop further awareness of community relations, as well as the university-

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By ALEX VAN BEEK

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Campus police reported a petit larceny of an amplifier from Monroe Hall between 1:30 p.m. and 2:19 p.m. The case is pending.

Feb. 17

King George's Sheriff's Office reported theft of property at University Drive on the Dahlgren campus at 1:50 p.m. The case is closed.

Feb. 18

Campus police reported vandalism to Campus Walk at 11:24 a.m. The case is pending.

Feb. 19

Campus police reported grand larceny of an Armani wallet from the Woodard Campus Center Sodexo office between 10:37 p.m. and 11:31 p.m.

This information was compiled with help from UMW Police Office Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

## Campus Briefing

**James Monroe Museum Procures Revolutionary War Document:** The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library announced last Friday the acquisition of a furlough, or military pass, signed by James Monroe.

The document, signed on Feb. 23, 1778, was given by a 19-year-old Monroe to Second Lieutenant John Wallace Jr. and is said to be the earliest known document bearing Monroe's signature.

According to an UMW press release, the furlough was purchased after several weeks of negotiation and fundraising conducted by the Friends of the James Monroe Museum.

The James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library is administered by the University of Mary Washington and is the nation's largest holder of artifacts and documents related to Monroe.

**Thomas Nerney to Serve as Executive-in-Residence:** According to an online faculty newsletter, Thomas P. Nerney, UMW's 2012 Executive-in-Residence, will visit the Fredericksburg and Stafford campuses on Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23.

Nerney has served as chairman, president, and CEO of the United States Liability Insurance Group for over 15 years. His visit is part of the Executive-in-Residence program that gives students the chance to connect with distinguished leaders of the corporate world.

Nerney will present "Driving Success Through a People-Focused Organization" and "Planning Career Development and Understanding the Importance of Corporate Culture" during his time at the Fredericksburg campus.

**UMW Email Victim to SPAM and Phishing:** Many users to the UMW email system have fallen victim to email SPAM and Phishing over the past few weeks, according to an online faculty newsletter.

Fake emails have been sent to users requesting that they confirm their account through email.

UMW information technology said they would never ask a user to confirm their account information through email.

Providing your account information or clicking a link in an email sent from an unknown or suspicious address can jeopardize a UMW user's account as well as cause delays to the UMW email system as a whole.

A spammer who receives a user's account information can access the contents of that user's personal mailbox. The spammers are also able to blacklist the umw.edu domain, which can stop email messages to be sent or received.

Compiled by JONATHAN POLSON

## Speakers Praise New Dahlgren Campus at Dedication Ceremony

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County Board of Supervisors, described Dahlgren as a dream for high-quality education come true.

"It wasn't that long ago that having a graduate facility wasn't that shy of far-fetched," Sisson said.

Associate Dean for Graduate Studies at Virginia Commonwealth University and Chair of the Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program, Rosalyn Hobson Hargrave, discussed the demanding, changing needs in our community at the meeting.

"This partnership was founded on a shared commitment to workforce and surrounding King George Community," Hargrave said. "[Dahlgren] enables us to grow from where we are to a bright future."

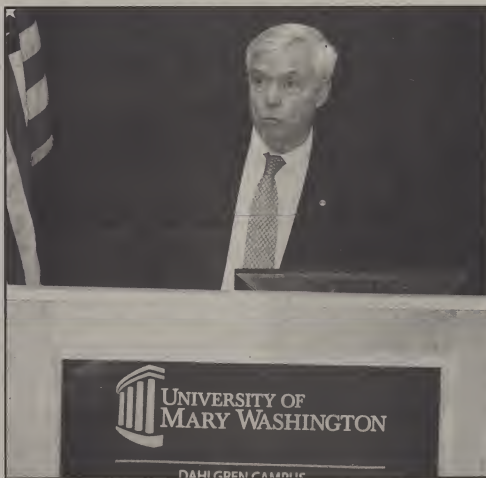
After cutting the ribbon, President Rick Hurley spoke

about the Dahlgren campus and its future.

"[We] very carefully and deliberately named this the center for education and research. We envision that our second building here will bring research and focus, [and] have the ability to offer workforce development at all levels," Hurley said.

The two-story, 42,000-square foot building, located off of U.S. 301, began its graduate-level engineering classes on Jan. 3, 2012 and includes 19 classrooms that seat up to 32 students, individual work stations, two quiet study and four group study rooms, two computer classrooms, a multi-purpose room with theater seating and an executive conference room.

George Mason University, Germanna Community College, Naval Postgraduate School, Naval War College, Old Dominion University, Rappahannock



Speaker Bill Howell delivers his remarks at the Dahlgren campus Dedication.

Community College, Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Tech all utilize the

## Kaine Campaign Visits UMW

By REGINA WEISS

Former governor of Virginia, Tim Kaine, engaged in a discussion with students and Fredericksburg community members while speaking about his 2012 campaign for the United States Senate this past Saturday in Lee Hall.

Along with Kaine was Adam Cook, Democratic candidate for Congress in Virginia's 1st Congressional District, and former Virginia senator, Edd Houck.

Houck and Cook introduced Kaine and spoke of the importance of the 2012 election, and the vital role that Virginia has in the election.

Cook spoke first, talking about his own campaign for Congress and clarifying that he is 34-years-old, and not as young as he may look.

Answering the question of why he wanted to run for Congress, Cook spoke of "what Congress wasn't doing," while he was serving in the military in 2011 when the Republicans took over the House of Representatives and how this influenced his decision to run.

"I saw a Congress that really couldn't even execute the most basic forms of government," Cook said. "It was those kinds of contrasting experiences that convinced me that we need some

new faces in Congress, we need some new leadership, we need people that have worked in an environment where failure is not an option."

With an applause following, he concluded stating, "I'm absolutely convinced that we can do it."

Houck followed Cook's introduction, declaring, "Yes, I'm still alive," and thanking the audience for their hard work in his recent 2011 campaign, which he lost to Republican candidate Bryce Reeves, current Virginia senator.

Houck spoke of the importance of elections, and the "big picture."

Houck started by asking the audience loudly, "Do you like what's going on at the state capital right now in Richmond?"

The audience answered with a resounding, "No."

Houck talked about candidates in elections, saying, "It's really what the candidates do and how they govern when they're in office."

Houck transitioned into speaking specifically about Kaine.

"Tim Kaine, throughout his entire life, has demonstrated putting others before himself. In fact, I would submit, that's what he's doing right now," Houck

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community impact" by compiling all commuter addresses.

Searcy stressed that "many colleges compile the addresses of off-campus students" and that having such information would make the university more aware of commuter student impact in local communities.

SGA President Rob Belcourt also took an opportunity to respond to the BOV regarding student nuisance issues. Belcourt admitted that there has been an increase in problems this year, but emphasized that students are listening to community complaints and are willing to have discussions about the issues at hand.

Belcourt also proposed that UMW begin to "talk about what we [as students] are doing for the community," instead of simply focusing on the negative press that has been prevalent recently. He encouraged students to attend meetings that promote a dialogue between the community and the university.

Members of Occupy Mary Wash intercepted BOV members as they arrived at Brompton for dinner on Thursday evening, delivering a packet of information outlining some of their major concerns and asking the BOV to take these opinions into consid-

eration. The material in the packet focused on UMW's food service provider, Sodexo, and the problems Occupy Mary Wash thinks that this corporation poses for UMW. Sodexo's contract with UMW is currently up for renewal.

Senior Peter Hawes feels that students have no way to fully express their opinion to the administration, or the BOV. Hawes cited structural issues in the power system of the university that make it near impossible to enact significant change from a student position. It is his hope that the BOV will consider these petitions from students when they cast their votes in the board room.

"We are seeking long-term change," Hawes said, confident that there has already been a shift in thinking on the campus due to the efforts of Occupy Mary Wash.

Katherine Giessel, another member of the Occupy movement, said that there is "not enough access to the people who are in control" of the university. She emphasized Occupy's goal of having greater student, faculty and staff opinion voiced for the BOV, preferably from those groups personally.

Sodexo could not be reached for comment.

## Obama Warns Colleges Not to Raise Tuition

By COLLEEN HUBER

President Barack Obama proposed a plan to help lower the cost of public college tuition in his State of the Union address in January, planning to reduce funding to those schools that continue to increase tuition.

"It is certainly a policy we are going to have to keep our eye on and one that we, at the University of Mary Washington, are worried about," said President Rick Hurley.

According to the New York Times, public colleges are responsible for educating over 70 percent of America's students, and the cost of a four-year public college has tripled since the 1980s.

"The biggest issue about increasing tuition is that students don't know why the tuition is increasing; they just know that it is," said sophomore computer science major Kurt Wall.

According to Hurley, the state requires all public colleges to fund some of the cost of initiatives they authorize.

Rick Pearce, vice president for administration and finance, also explained the issues concerning UMW and tuition increases.

"We are right in the middle, our size makes it difficult to take advantage of an economy of scale," said Pearce.

Since UMW is a medium-sized school, all of the extra amenities, such as a gym and multiple dining halls, are necessary. However, UMW does not have the amount of students that a larger school has, which allows the others to bring in more revenue, according to Pearce.

Pearce explained that the demands of the school are always changing.

"What you need is always increasing and the cost is always increasing," said Pearce, in regard to both students and schools.

Obama plans on holding states and universities accountable for tuition increases.

"States also need to do their part, by making higher education a higher priority in their budgets. And colleges and universities have to do their part by working to keep costs down," said Obama.

According to his speech, Obama is going to hold public colleges accountable for their part in tuition increases by taking funding from taxpayers

away from those who do not stop increases.

"It is unclear what kind of tuition increase will trigger that," said Hurley.

"I like what he is trying to do but I don't think that we

are financially stable to do that," said Wall.

Ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the most affordable public universities, UMW is already well aware of the importance of keeping tuition costs low.

"Higher education can't be a luxury—it is an economic imperative that every family in America should be able to afford," said Obama.

"We are going to grow a little, but stay as lean as we can," said Pearce.

More students will help keep costs down but it will take more than just a little growth to help.

"If you can't cut expenses, generate more revenue," said Pearce.

By using UMW as a center to meet, summer conferences will help to generate more money by renting out the universities facilities. The location of the school is ideal because it is located right between Washington, D.C. and Richmond.

Additionally, classroom space is being rented at the Stafford campus by government agencies.

"We have to become more of a business," said Pearce.

According to Pearce, UMW is also using centers such as Eagle Village to generate more revenue, thereby bringing profit back to the university.



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## Let's Not Hastily draw Conclusions

The University of Mary Washington's men's basketball coach Rod Wood will be returning to work Friday, Feb. 24 at noon after being placed on administrative leave last week.

Wood was arrested on Wednesday, Feb. 15 for reckless driving and was charged with a DUI. Wood had been pulled over for speeding on Route 1 last Wednesday evening after the Eagles' senior night victory over Stevenson University. Wood was released the following day and his case will go before a judge in mid-March. In the meantime, at a meeting with UMW Vice President of Student Affairs Doug Searcy and Athletic Director Ed Hegmann, Wood said it was decided that he would return to coaching.

Wood's charges and their relation to his position as the men's basketball coach at UMW are made all the more intriguing by the lack of precedent for Mary Washington faculty receiving DUI charges.

"We don't have any precedent at all," Hegmann said in an interview with the *Free Lance-Star*.

Comparisons will undoubtedly be made to former UMW President William Frawley, who was charged with a DUI and fired in 2007 after flipping a school-owned car in Fairfax County with his

*UMW men's basketball coach Rod Wood was arrested for reckless driving and charged with a DUI; however, we do not yet know all the details of the case yet.*

blood-alcohol level more than twice the legal limit.

Those comparisons to Frawley are easy to make because he's the last UMW official to be arrested on a DUI charge. The circumstances

and one with particular resonance on a college campus, where many students will have their first experiences with alcohol consumption. It's imperative that the University fosters a

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around Frawley's are extremely different and we should acknowledge that and not draw comparisons.

It's important to remember, that we do not have all the facts regarding Wood's charges yet. Yes, Wood was charged with a DUI, but through a formality that warrants further investigation.

That isn't to say that Wood should be let off the hook either, however. Drunk driving is a serious offense

community that values and insists upon responsible alcohol consumption, a hard message to tote if members of your faculty are proven guilty of driving under the influence.

But Wood has not been proven guilty yet and until an official legal verdict is reached, members of the Mary Washington community must refrain from snap judgments or comparisons to

former Mary Washington faculty members. Any number of extenuating circumstances could have played into Wood's arrest and until all the facts are known, it isn't fair to point fingers and cast aspersions.

"Everybody makes mistakes. Hopefully, you learn from your mistakes," Hegmann said in a phone interview with the *Bullet* last Saturday.

The Mary Washington community should take Hegmann's words to heart and reserve judgments of Wood until the full extent and nature of his mistake is known.

Wood's administrative leave will keep him from the Eagle's Capital Athletic Conference Tournament semifinals game against Hood College on Thursday.

On the advice of his council, Woods has refused to comment on any of the particulars surrounding his DUI charge. He did, however, take about the support he received.

Wood said, "People who know me have been very supportive. The University has been very supportive. When things are going well, you don't see things in the light they may actually be in. But when put under duress, you find out who your real support system is."

## Stop: Fiesta Time

If there's one thing you learn right away about Spain, it's that they know how to throw a good party. It seems like there's some festival or celebration going on nearly every week. The most recent festival of note was Carnival, which is similar to the French celebration of Mardi Gras. It precedes Ash Wednesday, which, according to Catholic tradition, is the beginning of the 40 days of Lent, when Catholics are supposed to fast and give up something they like in solidarity of Jesus' death.

Over time, the festival has lost much of its religious significance and has become more of a cultural event where people come together just to have a good time. In Spain, Carnival is not limited to one day, or even one week. Many cities

and towns celebrate Carnival during different weeks, and many people move with the party, spending one weekend celebrating in one place and then visiting a neighboring town to celebrate the next weekend. When Carnival weekend is over in one city, many people look forward to celebrating it all over again in another city.

In many ways, Carnival is like Halloween in the United States, but without the ghosts and ghouls. Everybody dresses up in some sort of costume, and I mean everybody. From children and teenagers to parents and grandparents, the streets are

full of princesses, police officers, zoo animals, and just about anything you can imagine. The Spanish really go all out with their costume designs. Many families and groups of friends dress up with the same theme. I saw one family who were all dressed as giraffes: baby, parents and even grandparents included. There was another family with small children who were all dressed up as pirates and had very elaborately decorated their strollers to look like pirate ships.

The celebrations last from the

Friday night until the Tuesday before Lent, and every day you can see people in costume walking around. During the day there are many activities for children, including a

parade and a fair with rides, face painting, and games. At night, the bars and clubs are full past capacity with young adults in masquerade. Here, on a normal Friday or Saturday night, most people will stay out until five or six in the morning. During Carnival, it isn't rare to stay out later.

Having a good time is a very important part of Spanish culture. From enjoying a glass of wine with a friend over a two-hour lunch break to celebrating festivals like Carnival, the Spanish live with the belief that the most important thing to do with your life is to enjoy it.



By BRIDGET BALCH

## Letters to the Editor

### Successes On Campus Speak Well For School

We have the opportunity to start doing something awesome.

A few months ago the theater department put on "Rent," and showed what 17 students at the University of Mary Washington could do when they put their minds together. In December, the Care to Share dinner helped feed hundreds of needy families in the local Fredericksburg Community. Throughout the year, Community Outreach and Resources (COAR) donated tons of community service hours to the local community. A committee of 12 people helped plan and create a spectacular Film & Arts Festival that filled an entire auditorium and showcased student talent and film. Even better, our women's basketball team has managed to keep a perfect season going even further, placing women's basketball firmly on the radar in Division III.

I think we can keep this success going.

The University of Mary Washington has been going through major changes over the past few years, and with new students being admitted every week; it is critical that we all

work together to achieve our common goals and support one another along the way. Our girls basketball team could not accomplish anything working as individuals. They've had to work together to win, and they've needed us to support them. Every time they make a shot or defeat the opposing team we've cheered them on and pushed them to do better and to represent our school with pride. They deserve our support, and we need to continue pushing them forward.

A month ago, the freshmen class started a campaign against cyber-bullying and stood up for what they thought was right. Discussion after discussion, they've accomplished their goal of Twitter and Facebook responsibility and awareness. Afterwards, the SGA started their week long #LOVE campaign, encouraging polite discourse on the Internet. The Washington Guides continued reaching out to new students this year by connecting them the moment they're accepted into UMW. They've helped expand the UMW Community outward by using technology and working as a solid team.

There is a trend here. Everything we do at UMW takes people dedicated to the cause and willing to work hard to meet their goals. We have to be willing to give up time and energy to

work together for our common goal. If we want Sunny Delight in Seaco, we make that happen by working together. If we want Zip-Cars on campus or to completely eradicate cancer, then we'll have to continue working together. We've got to remember that students are the most important part of this university, and without us, nothing is possible. I believe in Mary Washington, and I believe that by working together, anything is possible. We've proven it so far; let's continue that progress.

*Jeremy Thompson is a junior.*

### A Response To Abortion Argument

Three weeks ago, I, along with other students from the University of Mary Washington's Students for Life chalked the campus. Everyone used nine designated slogans from which we were not to deviate.

We chalked to raise awareness. We chalked to inspire conversations about an issue we fear has been swept under the rug because it is, at times, unpleasant and divisive. We chalked to show the campus that there is another position on the issue, and that we are the voices and faces of that position.

In the subsequent weeks,

many arguments have been leveled against the anti-abortion movement. A Viewpoints article last week claimed several things. The first was that we associate abortion rights with being pro-abortion. The second was that anti-abortion activists have assassinated doctors and bombed abortion clinics. The third was that anti-abortionists often use graphic images, and that "conservatives need to tone down the rhetoric so a more honest dialogue can be engaged."

The members of Students for Life understand that no one is truly "pro-abortion." Everyone wants to reduce the amount of abortion procedures that occur every day.

I hope it goes without saying that every member of the UMW chapter of Students for Life and every true anti-abortion activist strongly condemn these hypocritical acts of violence. However, claiming that they make the entirety of the anti-abortion movement violent and radical is fallacious, deceptive and offensive.

While it is true that some anti-abortion activists utilize graphic images, the majority, including UMW Students for Life, does not support their indiscriminate use.

"Conservatives need to tone down the rhetoric so a more honest dialogue can be engaged," wrote Sacha Brenac in a recent

Viewpoint article. Firstly, not all pro-lifers are conservative. A recent forum on campus, hosted by Students for Life, included a member of the group Democrats for Life, an entire organization for—guess—pro-life Democrats.

Secondly, the "rhetoric" was also referred to in the article as "fiery" and "violent." I have already addressed such actions regarding extreme members of the anti-abortion movement, the slogans used by the UMW chapter of Students for Life were anything but.

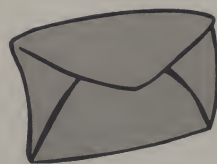
The actual word "abortion" was used only in one slogan that we chalked, and in the presentation of a statistical fact. The other slogans cited social justice, love, babies, the Declaration of Independence, adoption and a children's author. These things can hardly be considered "violent" or "fiery."

Most importantly, however, is the request to "tone things down." Let us take a communal step back for a moment. Anyone who believed that a child was being abused in their neighbor's house

would vehemently object to such an incident, and act out against it. We, anti-abortionists, believe that children are being killed. Anyone in his or her right mind who thought a child was going to be killed would do something about it. You understand, then, our logic. You do not have to agree, but please make an effort to understand. Argue with us, disagree with us, but, if you have any respect and understanding of the issue at hand, do not ask us to "tone it down."

We didn't expect to convince anyone. We wanted to spark conversation, and we did. Rather than demanding silence on a crucial issue, making sweeping generalizations, and mocking our cause, let's allow that conversation to bear intellectual fruit on our campus.

*Tracy Frelk is a UMW student.*



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## New Bill Threatens Women's Rights

By ANNA HALBROOKS-FULKES

The Virginia Senate ratified the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution on Feb. 7, 2012. The ERA guarantees, "Equality of Rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Fredericksburg's State Sen. Bryce Reeves voted in favor of the ERA when it was in the privileges and elections committee.

"I have a wife and daughter, I'm for it," said Reeves. However, when the bill came to the Senate floor on Feb. 14, Reeves voted against it, claiming that it is no longer necessary. Despite Reeves' vote, the ERA still

passed the Senate.

Virginia State Sen. Walter Stosch was the one Republican to join Senate Democrats to vote in its favor.

On the same day that Sen. Reeves voted against the ERA because it is no longer "necessary," the House passed SB 462, which requires women to receive an ultrasound before they obtain an abortion, even if her doctor does not recommend one and even if it is against her will.

In order to meet the requirements set forth by this bill, most women obtaining abortions will have to submit to a transvaginal ultrasound. A transvaginal ultrasound is performed through vaginal penetration. In order to obtain an abortion, women must

undergo this invasive procedure even if their doctor does not recommend it and even if it is against their will.

Reeves voted in favor of this bill. The House has already passed a similar bill and once it becomes law, women in Virginia will have to submit to a medically unnecessary, costly and invasive procedure in order to exercise their constitutional right to terminate a pregnancy.

In light of this development, Reeves' comments seem absurd. The ERA is no longer necessary? How can Sen. Reeves say that women have equal rights under the law when our autonomy over our own bodies faces such violent threats?

## UMW Students Unprepared For May Graduation

By CHESTER EICHENBRENNER

I asked UMW's graduating seniors three questions: what have you done to prepare for graduation? Have you utilized any of UMW's facilities to prepare for graduation? Do you feel UMW is a good school to prepare you for graduation? The overwhelming responses indicated that

most students have not done much preparation and have minimally utilized the facilities. So, UMW has all the facilities to

prepare us for graduation, but it seems that seniors are not using them.

UMW provides the graduating seniors with career services, graduate school advertisements, job fairs and departmental recommendations. However, most seniors are taking a procrastination approach to graduation.

When asked what he had done to prepare for graduation, Stephen James said "Nothing, just filled out the card to say that I am graduating this fall." His friend, Erik Burnham said, "Next to nothing, getting lined up to graduate this May and getting all my classes was a real pain."

The majority responded similarly, as if a laissez-faire approach to graduation is best. Very few exceptions spoke up and said they actually had prepared for graduation.

Joel Carrillo, said he already had a tentative position with bor-

der control and was writing a book. However, when asked if he had used career services he responded, "No, I have not."

Graduation also seems to be just filling out a couple additional forms for academic services. Most seniors have not used career services, and those seniors who had used career services are still not in all the way into a job hunt. I feel I should have asked a fourth question: are you worried about graduation?

Instead, I answered that question myself. There is no reason to be worried about graduation. Graduation is forward progress whether or not you are preparing for it in the final semester. I have not done much to prepare for graduation, and I still feel secure that graduating from UMW will land me a job opportunity.

As other seniors agreed, UMW has the facilities to prepare us for graduation. Be confident that you can use these facilities all the way through the end of this semester. If these facilities are never used, feel confident that there are plenty more facilities in the real world. Be confident that you are graduating from a renowned school and will be successful.

After graduation, seniors will have plenty of time to do what they want to do. All the seniors should embrace this confidence with me as we walk into our futures on May 12.

### New Virginia Bill Requires Intrusive Ultrasound Before Receiving An Abortion

## Sexclamations

### How Can we Define Sex?

By CLAIRE PICKARD

Let's talk about sex, baby. We joke about it. We see it on television. Sex is a part of our daily conversation with society, whether we like it or not. From Disney cartoons to classes in the English Department, sex is inescapable. But for all of our exposure, nobody ever really addresses the most basic question of them all: what is sex?

Our most primitive understanding of sex is your everyday penetrative heterosexual intercourse. That's a very fancy way of saying that a penis goes in a vagina. Sexy stuff, right? But what about all the people who choose to engage in other means of sexual expression? Is fellatio sex? Some people would say "no." If that doesn't count, how about going down on a lady? If that's not sex, are lesbians, by definition, incapable of ever getting some? I know a lot of girls who would beg to differ.

What about handjobs? Fingering? Nobody ever includes

those in the dialogue on sex, but if we're determining sex by what gives pleasure, there are times when hands can do the trick.

Few people would contest

*"Our most primitive understanding of sex is your everyday penetrative heterosexual intercourse"*

that anal sex is part of the gang, but there are a whole lot of people who think that anal sex is somehow a watered-down version of the "real deal" (here's a hint: there's no such thing as the real deal.) Only the people who believe they can keep their "virginity" intact by limiting themselves to anal match this in idiocy. Not only does that validate our antiquated ideas of "virginity" and reinforce a lot of negative prescriptions on the female body, but it's also—in the

simplest sense—really dumb. If you can get an STD from it, it might be sex.

Planned Parenthood and Merriam-Webster Dictionary both define sex as "sexually motivated behavior." Not only is that spectacularly self-referential, it also leaves a lot of ambiguity. If I make out with someone at a party, it's definitely sexually motivated, but I'd be giving myself a little too much credit if I carved a new notch on the proverbial bedpost.

I suppose what is really important in defining sex is how the participants feel about it. If one person thinks that their ten-minute hook-up was the "best sex of their life," well, good for them. If the other person thought it was just some mackin' between friends, so be it. After all, it doesn't really matter if it was "objectively" sex or not. There's no such thing. The only identifying function that the word "sex" serves is to let you brag to your friends in the morning, and let's face it—they probably don't believe you anyway.



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U.S. Catholic Bishops plan a campaign against Obama's contraceptive measure.

## Obama's New Political Stunt

By MAXWELL REINHARDT

For over two weeks, the political discourse in this country has been dominated by the Obama administration's plan to force Catholic hospitals and charities to provide health insurance plans that cover contraception. This new decree is just the latest chronicle in Obama's desperate quest to win a second term. He seems to have a malign talent for driving divisive non-issues into the national dialogue.

Now, most people are aware that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act contains a mandate that health insurance plans cover the entire cost of certain contraceptives. In late January, the administration issued an edict that all religious schools, hospitals, charities and other health care services must provide contraceptives in their insurance plans, even if it violates their religious beliefs.

This has led to an outcry from the country's Catholic leadership, who vociferously oppose contraception. Some believe it

constitutes infanticide, and now the federal government is mandating them to pay for a product that violates their religious beliefs.

Proponents of this mandate correctly assert that the vast majority of American Catholics use contraception. Current TV's Cenk Uygur, on his talk show the Young Turks, pointed out that 99 percent of American Catholics use contraception. However, Cenk fails to realize that that means Catholics who want contraception have no problem obtaining it.

Putting religious issues aside, there are plenty of secular reasons to oppose this.

There is not a single person in the U.S. that has a job and health insurance that does not have access to contraception. Anyone who has taken a high school health class knows that the only form of contraception that prevents both pregnancy and sexually-transmitted diseases are condoms. Condoms are affordable and easily available.

The free market has produced

a litany of affordable forms of contraception. Pharmacies have entire aisles dedicated to affordable contraceptive products.

Anyone who wants to work for a religious health institution should probably know whether or not contraception is acceptable to that faith. When preparing for employment a person will negotiate with their employer about their health coverage and they will know whether or not they will be provided with contraception so they can budget accordingly.

No one in America is going broke paying for contraception. So why is this non-issue dominating the news? It is because cultural and religious issues polarize and divide the American people and it's an election year. Obama's popularity with young people and middle class women has plummeted since 2008. If he tells them that social conservatives are plotting to take away birth control, it might get some otherwise apathetic individuals to the polls in November.

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# Style

## fun. Live up to Their Name



Kyle Lefler/Bullet

fun. played a well-received show in the Great Hall last Wednesday night.

By MARINA BONANNO

Last Wednesday night 480 Mary Washington students impatiently stood outside the Great Hall awaiting the arrival of the New York based indie pop band, fun. fun. was formed by Nate Ruess, formerly a member of the indie rock band The Format. Incredible drums, keyboard, bass guitar and vocals by the multi-talented Emily Moore accompanied the band's lead singer on Wednesday night,

along with colorful neon lights that reflected on the Great Hall ceiling.

"I loved the lights, and the energy of the performance was awesome," said UMW sopho-

more Mary Cornell. "You could tell the lead singer was really into it and the student body responded just as enthusiastically."

"The love for their fans was well reflected in their performance on Wednesday night, and they were very well received at UMW."

September 2011 and was featured in the 2012 Super Bowl during Chevy's Sonic vehicle commercial.

Crowd surfers lined the show, and students did not shy away from their excitement. Ruess encouraged the students to sing along and even took a few minutes to

poke fun at the mascot eagle that came to the show.

fun. also played two acoustic songs from their album "Aim and Ignite," including "The Gambler," a song about the love between Ruess' parents.

The band's new album, "Some Nights," combines hip-hop elements with the unique and catchy melodies written by Ruess and band members Andrew Dost, and Jack Antonoff for a lively and memorable collection of songs.

"Some Nights," will be released on Feb. 21, 2012 however, fun. streamed the album online to thank fans for their support.

Ruess posted a tribute to fans on the band's website ournameisfun.com saying, "For almost 10 years you guys have given me something to belong to and I sincerely hope that this album belongs to you. It's ended up being our way of saying 'thank you' for being who you are. And please keep being that person."

The love for their fans was well re-

flected in their performance on Wednesday night, and they were very well received at UMW.

Sophomore Jordan Kyler said, "fun. was definitely one of the better live shows I've seen a band put on. Their stage presence was lively and interactive."

fun's performance at UMW was a short preview to their tour, which will return to Virginia on May 5, 2012 in Charlottesville at the Jefferson Theater.



Kyle Lefler/Bullet

## 'Dragpocalypse' Brings Lace, Heels and Dancing

By UPMA KAPOOR

Dancing, danger and drag fashion dominated the 12th annual Drag Show held on Saturday, Feb. 18 in the Great Hall with the theme, "Dragpocalypse," organized by Mary Washington's People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Mi-

norities (PRISM).

The show opened with a fierce chair-dance number to Britney Spears' 2011 hit, "Till the World Ends," choreographed by junior Rachel Duffy. The performance served as an introduction to both the event and two-time host Cole Eskridge, outfitted as Brittany Queers', entrance.

No better introduction could have been produced for the show: it featured the perfect performance to set up the entertaining and energetic atmosphere for the entire evening.

Brittany Queers paraded around the stage with the various dancers in high heels and a black lace bodysuit, welcoming everyone in the crowd.

The Great Hall was absolutely packed. Students were standing in line before doors opened to ensure that they would have a prime view-

ing experience.

When asked why she decided to attend early, sophomore Elizabeth Storey responded, "So I could get close to the stage and be able to see everything."

However, students were not the only group attending the event. Alumni, families, members of the Fredericksburg community and faculty were also present.

A select group of faculty and staff members served as judges for the evening as well; Ricky Humphries, cashier at The Nest, Dr. Marion Sanford, Director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center, Dean of Student Life Cedric Rucker, Gary Richards, assistant professor in the English, Linguistics and Communication department and PRISM sponsor and Jim Groom, who also went by 'Kim Droom' at the event, director of the Division for Teaching and Learning Technologies.

This year's drag show featured five impressive acts with names evoking innuendo: Adora

Derriere, Queen Frostine, Oliver Clothesoff and Jacques Strap, Lizabette Mannelli, and returning winner, Gigi Bouton.

There was definitely a variety of crowd-pleasing performances, ranging from Adora Derriere re-enacting Nicki Minaj's "SuperBass" to Oliver Clothesoff and Jacques Strap waving their arms around to The Lonely Island's "I Just Had Sex."

The crowd found themselves singing along to the performances. Gigi Bouton even took the liberty to choreograph a Beyoncé Medley, featuring "Countdown" and "Run the World (Girls)."

The crowd favorite and judge's top choice, however, was newcomer Mannelli. With an incredible stage presence and a whimsical take on classic showtunes, Mannelli stole the show and won first place.

Aside from the unconventional theme of the evening, two aspects in particular set apart the drag show from every other event on campus: audience par-

ticipation and Jim Groom's live-tweeting and streaming of the show through his Digital Storytelling 106 online radio show.

Audience members not only watched, but had the opportunity to be on stage with the drag contestants and participate in audience-oriented activities, including the classic "Condom-on-Banana" contest, "Sit-On-My-Face" balloon-popping, and the "Find My Cherry" pie-eating contest.

The Drag Show, overall, did not disappoint. It is first and foremost a fundraiser for t-shirt distribution for PRISM's Day of Silence event, which will be on Friday, April 20 this year.

This year, PRISM intends to order one thousand t-shirts with the profits from the drag show, so the UMW community can show its support for all individuals of sexual minorities.



James Farmer/Bullet

## Zumba Classes Take Mary Washington by Storm

By MARINA BONANNO

Seventy-seven University of Mary Washington students waited outside the dance studio for their Zumba instructor, Dani Hoffman, to arrive last Thursday, Feb. 16.

Zumba is a fitness method that incorporates Latin dance moves from hip-hop, samba, salsa and the merengue. In the past few years, Zumba classes have risen in popularity and have become popular amongst UMW students as well.

Amy Leap, a UMW senior said, "I live for Zumba on my busy days—it is fun exercise with friends, and where else can you dance like this?"

And the best part is, there is no experience needed.

Instructor Hoffman said,

"Zumba helps for people who don't feel like they can dance or the uncoordinated."

Hoffman graduated as a Business Administration and Psychology major from UMW in 2006 and is a returning Eagle giving back to the community.

She has been teaching group exercise at UMW since 2004 and in addition to Zumba, Hoffman is a certified teacher in cardio kickboxing, pilates, step, abs and high-intensity interval training. Her magnetic personality and athletic talent is part of what UMW students love so much about her classes.

Substitute Zumba instructor and UMW alumna Amanda Boccuti said, "Dani is a wonderful instructor! She is so encouraging and enthusiastic."

A regular attendant of the

class, Jessica Randall, a junior, said, "Dani is so encouraging and I love coming to dance with my friends every week. It's a refreshing change of pace from school work."

For those who want a change of scenery from their normal gym routine, Zumba is a solid alternative.

Zumba's incorporation of upbeat dance moves and aerobic training ensures a powerful cardio workout without the regular stress on your muscles and joints.

When asked what she loves about Zumba, Hoffman said, "I like when I look down at the heart monitor at the end of an hour and realize how hard I've worked without feeling like I'm working."

In addition to a good work-

out, Zumba teaches students rhythm and some new dance moves. Hoffman is consistently adding new songs and choreography to her workout routines and loves the feedback she receives from UMW students.

"What I like best about Zumba is how excited it has gotten people about working out again," said Hoffman. "I love looking up and seeing an excited look on someone's face when they master a dance move or even an entire song."

If you are interested in trying Zumba, Hoffman's class is held in Goolrick Hall in Dance Studio 5 on Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. and on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. New students are always welcome.



Marina Bonanno/Bullet

Zumba is taught on Thursdays in Goolrick Hall.



# Style

## Audience Head Over Heels for 'Moon Over Buffalo'

By CHARLOTTE RODINA

After over 300 Broadway performances, Ken Ludwig's "Moon Over Buffalo" made its way to the University of Mary Washington's Klein Theater, which opened to a full house last Thursday, Feb. 16.

Witty, fast-paced dialogue set the stage for this play. The jokes and innuendos came so quick and often that there was hardly time to laugh in-between each one.

Students sang high praise after the first show.

"I thought it was hysterical," said junior Nicole Cerniglia. "They had a lot of energy on-stage."

The 1950s feel jumped right out when Charlotte Hay (senior Carly Maalouf) put on her teal and purple pant-suit, complete with a cape and a Cruella Deville-esque black-and-white hairstyle.

George Hay (junior Rob Jones) got a good laugh out of the audience as he drunkenly caused disaster after disaster for himself and his fellow actors. Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse, Grandma Ethel (junior Karen DeVigili) unknowingly gave the



Image courtesy of Geoff Greene

"Moon Over Buffalo" debuted last Thursday, Feb. 16 to high praise from Mary Washington students.

already inebriated George more spiked coffee.

"The humor was spot on," said junior Kimmi Lane. This

show made it easy to laugh at awkward situations like meeting the in-laws, secret love affairs and mixed-up romances.

When the curtain came up, audience members were awed by the detail and realism of the set.

Shirin Afsous, a senior, said, "It was very professional looking. You could tell a lot of hard work went into making it."

Preparations for the stage scenery began in December.

The sea foam green set was decorated with repertory show posters and a wall of fame housing pictures of old and new actors and actresses. Another scene takes place on a beautiful portico with a brick building that dropped down magically before everyone's eyes.

The play is a great end to a long week of classes and work, but if you are looking for a profound script then you're barking up the wrong tree.

"I like that the show was just a fun little farce. It's nice not to have to think every now and then," Christina Portman, of Fredericksburg, said.

The play is a great end to a long week of classes and work; no brainpower needed.

Overall "Moon Over Buffalo" is full of talent and fun. You will be missing out if you don't go see this comedy.

There are four performances left: Feb. 23-25 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for Mary Washington students and can be purchased at the box office in duPont Hall. For more information call the Klein Theatre Box Office at (540) 654-1111.

## 'Subject:Matter' Strays From Hip-Hop Vanity

By EDMUND BROWN

Take a moment to reflect on 90s rap, the likes of Eminem, OutKast, Nas, Tupac. Then remember second millennium rap, the 2000s, at the end of the aforementioned artists' (respectable) careers and into the likes of Lil Wayne, Drake and Kanye, who are good, but spend too much time claiming they're great to make innovative music.

There was a chasm in rap and for a while, rap became boring. Then slowly, beginning late in 2009, rap began twisting and stretching with the likes of Danny Brown, Das Racist and Shabazz Palaces, and in 2011 it exploded as all three dropped innovative LPs that spawned a creative surge and a wealth of R-rated rap gifts.

Homeboy Sandman, actual name Angel Del Villar, is one of

these gifts. He boasts a unique backstory: An Ivy League undergraduate who got his degree in English at the University of Pennsylvania, he's now 38, and a retired public school teacher from Queens, New York.

His strange story breeds skeptics, but he answers his doubters with, "Yeah, But I Can Rhyme Though," a track from his first commercial release in 2010.

"Subject:Matter" is his subsequent EP and it's an underlining of his 2010 assertion, a flashback to the nineties: daring, innovative and shrewd. At its brightest moments this is so called indie-rap at its finest, cementing 2011 as only the beginning of a hip-hop renaissance.

Homeboy Sandman flashes viscous skill without being flashy or succumbing to vanity. He turns his focus on "Sub-

ject:Matter" to subjects as immediate as "Canned Goods," where Sandman showcases his storytelling. "We'd already been cleaning out our closet/ and straight to the Salvation Army for deposit/ My Mommy/ had figured out that everyone passed the mail room while they were walking through the lobby/ so that was proly/ the best location for some boxes set up to collect donations."

With lyrics such as these Sandman dips and bobs through Ivy League English-major vocabulary on par with Andre 3000.

He grounds himself in realities, explaining on "Mine All Mine," "My insurance is Web M.D./ My cup runneth over my tank runneth on empty."

Grounding himself in common troubles, a lack of insurance and gasoline, while

simultaneously experimenting with metaphors, results in unexpected possibilities.

Occasionally, the frugal beats require faith, taking a while to mesh with what Sandman attempts, but the rewards for believing are immense.

On "The Melody," the opening track, he's showing off, rapping, "As A.M. turns to P.M./ the zone I be in/ is muy bien," kicking off the 22 minute EP as the track concludes with a sly, "Enjoy."

Homeboy Sandman even plastered the cover with a message that explains his name, titles each track, and outlines his philosophy. With the content to back it up, "Subject:Matter's" cover reminds, "The subjects actually matter." It's Homeboy Sandman's shout to the rap universe.



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"Subject:Matter" wears its contents on its cover.

## Great Lives Keep Black History Strong

By EVAN HICKS

At times, black history month can seem like a half-hearted apology, a month of politically correct pablum that college students have heard a thousand times before, but at Mary Washington the Great Lives lecture series is giving students a closer, more personal look at significant figures from black history.

The University of Mary Washington has honored Black History month by making it what it should truly be, a celebration of hard-fought battles for change and of the people who fought those battles.

The University sponsored multiple events, asked Angela Davis to present the keynote lecture, and the Great Lives series hosted lectures on the Lovings and their historic Supreme Court case, *Loving v. Virginia*, and Jackie Robinson.

On Feb. 14, the Great Lives series hosted a panel discussion on Richard and Mildred Loving, an interracial couple who were charged with violating a Virginia statute banning interracial marriages. The Lovings were found guilty of violating the state's miscegenation law and were forced to leave the state of Virginia. With the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, they

fought to have the law overturned and eventually succeeded when the Supreme Court ruled in their favor.

Associate Director of the Chappell Great Lives lecture series Charles Shields interviewed Bernard S. Cohen, one of the two lawyers who represented the Lovings, and Peggy Fortune, the couples' only surviving child.

After the discussion, Cohen was asked how influential was the *Loving v. Virginia* case was in furthering the Civil Rights Movement.

"I think it put the nail in the coffin of segregation," he responded. "My partner called it the segregation statute, I just called it the plain-old hate statute."

He listed Atticus Finch as an early inspiration for his legal career and took the Lovings case on pro-bono after then-Attorney General Robert Kennedy referred the couple to the ACLU for help.

Fortune said that what gave her parents the strength and conviction to fight the law and to see the case to the end was determination.

"The determination of going home," she explained. "My Mom wanted to be with her family and my father was deter-

mined to support her and get us back to Virginia, and of course, faith in God."

On Feb. 16, two days after the Loving lecture, the Great Lives Series hosted biographer Jonathan Eig to speak on Jackie Robinson.

Rather than tracing the entire course of Robinson's life, Eig focused on Robinson's upbringing and his first season with the Dodgers in 1947, presenting a comprehensive history of Robinson's life that most people are unaware of.

Robinson's older brother Mack was an Olympian who won a silver medal in the 200 meter sprint in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, losing by .04 seconds to Jessie Owens. However, when Mack returned home, he was unable to find work because of his race and had to sweep streets, which he chose to do in his Olympic Games jacket. Eig also spoke about the incredible pressure and danger that Robinson endured in his first season, when the baseball legend faced verbal and physical attacks.

Eig tied Robinson's story together with larger historical changes, showing just how influential one baseball player was. After Robinson's first sea-

son in the Majors, President Harry Truman called for the integration of the military and his report mentioned the integration of Major League Baseball as indication of the need to change.

A young man interviewed Robinson for his high school paper, but when he went to see Robinson play, he was so appalled by the racist taunts of the spectators, that the next year, he started an ACLU chapter on his college's campus and became one of the organization's top fundraisers. Most impressively, Robinson won over his teammates and the Brooklyn fans when he helped the Dodgers clinch the National League Pennant.

These lectures serve to show that Black History Month isn't just the story of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement, but of individual men and women standing up for their rights and demonstrating that they deserve them just as much as the privileged majority.

The next Great Lives lecture will be Thursday, Feb. 23 when John A. Farrell, author of *Clarence Darrow: Attorney for the Damned*, will speak on Clarence Darrow.



Did you miss the UMW Film and Arts Festival last week? Luckily for you the Bulletin's video staff was at the huge event. Stay tuned to [umwbulet.com](http://umwbulet.com) for a video of the festivities coming soon!



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## Gas Price Surge Affects Commuter Students

By FARAH FARHAT

An increase in gas prices has caused commuter students to be thrifter with how they use their cars.

The gas prices in Fredericksburg stood around the high \$2 range before winter break. When students returned in mid-January, prices increased to the high \$3 range.

Candace Rothermel, a sophomore psychology major, lives on campus and has a car, which she pays for herself.

Rothermel says the increased gas prices have made her a smarter shopper.

"I like to look at the prices of a few different gas stations before I decide where I want to fill my car," she said. "With gas prices so high I just want to make sure I'm always getting the best deals even though I feel like I never am."

Rothermel tried to find an off-campus job to compensate for her expenses. With the increase in gas prices she had to consider how much she would be making at her job, how much it would cost her to drive to her job, and if the end result was worth it.

With gas above \$3, it seemed

impossible for her to find a job that would cover the commute charges and compensate for her hard work.

"Although I love having my car, paying for it these days has kept me on a tight budget," said Rothermel.

In order to keep her car, Rothermel has learned to minimize using it by making trips only when necessary and walking as much as possible.

Taylor Stuger, a senior geography major, lives off-campus and has a car in order to commute to Springfield. On average, Stuger says she spends \$30 a week on gas, and that she never completely filled her car because of how much more it would seem that she is paying.

Stuger includes how much she pays for gas into how much she pays for tuition, and thought that by living off-campus she would be saving money.

"To an extent I am saving money by living off-campus because I do not have to pay the higher school fees, but that the money I am saving is just being spent on filling up my car so I'm not really saving much at all," said Stuger.

Like Rothermel, Stuger also said that she became much more

thrifty with gas price increases by shopping around for the best deals. If gas continued to go up she said she would quit her job or relocate if possible.

The gas price increase has also affected other UMW students. Neome Gangi, a sophomore psychology major, pays close to \$5,000 a year on gas commuting from her home in Washington, D.C.

On average, she pays \$75.00 a week to fill her car but with the fluctuating gas prices the cost for her continues to jump.

"My dad pays for my gas and does not keep track on how much he is paying each time I have to fill up my car," said Gangi.

Gangi continued to express how fortunate she was that her father did pay for her traveling expenses, but if gas prices continued to increase she would try and get a job that would help with the cost.

The increase in gas prices has students like Rothermel, Stuger, and Gangi on the edge about how they will continue to afford their cars. Finding a job is an option, but holding a job just to fill up their cars does not seem worth the cost to many students.

## OFA Attempts to Increase Student Voting Awareness

By MARY WENDT

Volunteers for Organizing for America (OFA) have been on campus recently addressing voting barriers for college students. While providing tips to eliminate these barriers, they have been encouraging students to vote in the upcoming election.

The Virginia state legislature is considering a bill to restrict voting without state identification, according to The Washington Post.

According to Campus Vote Project's website, "Students are sometimes given misleading information to discourage them from voting in their college communities. The myths include claims that registering to vote at school may jeopardize eligibility for financial aid, their parents' ability to claim them as a dependent on their tax returns, or the ability to remain covered by their parents' insurance plans."

The OFA, founded by the Obama Administration in 2009, is an organization started in favor of the Obama Administra-

tion's goals and plans for the Democratic Party. Political activists have used OFA to increase support for the Democratic Party.

While these barriers for potential student voters have prevented them from voting in the past, OFA and the Campus Vote Project are finding ways for students to be involved in the election with minimal obstacles.

Strategies to help get rid of barriers for student voters can be found on Campus Vote Project's website, as well as Fair Elections Legal Network's website.

While obstacles like residency laws, registration deadlines, and voter ID laws restrict many students' voting opportunities, Campus Vote Project and Fair Elections Legal Network offer ways to exercise voting rights without restraint.

However, there are many ways students can take control of their voting abilities on their own. According to Campus Vote Project's website, the first step is to be informed. They say it is important to know when dead-

lines are, find out what sort of identification or information you will need, and be ready.

Through OFA, student participation in voting is likely to rise if such restrictions can be eliminated or lessened, according to Campus Vote Project's website.

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"However, I hope that Governor Allen will also be allotted the same opportunity to address the student body and visit the campus, because I believe his education and economic initiatives offer a better alternative to those of Governor Kaine; these issues being the most relevant to college students.

The regional field director for OFA on campus and the head volunteer for the campaign were contacted about their presence on campus, but were unable to comment.

## Clinton Global Initiative Reognizes Humphrey

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three times. One project is this year's Month of Microfinance. April, the month of microfinance, is dedicated to awareness and fundraising events for domestic and global microfinance.

Humphrey and his students worked together to create a coalition of student clubs across

the nation that will come together for this project.

Humphrey states that his students sent around 1,000 emails to connect with 40 partners in this program.

"Two things that allow us to generate impact is our creativity and our ability to do the grunt work," he says.

Alvarez praised Dr. Humphrey as "an exceptional

teacher."

"He helps his students grow by asking tough questions, providing strategic guidance, and always believing in their deliberate decision making process," she said.

The meeting will be held March 30 through April 1 at George Washington University in Washington D.C.

## Kaine Addresses UMW

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said. "Tim is once again putting others, the country, people of Virginia, above himself."

Houck ended by praising Kaine's work as the previous Virginia governor by stating, "This man has the strongest moral core of any person I've had the pleasure to serve with."

Kaine followed Houck, first thanking both Cook and Houck saying, "I have never had a nicer introduction than that, that is very, very heart warming."

Kaine began by speaking about his appreciation for Houck, and then about his appreciation for Obama.

"I'm glad we have a president who knows how to end wars," he said.

He moved on to talking about the 2012 election, calling it a very difficult and expensive election, but declaring, "I think we're going to win."

He announced the three issues for this election: the economy and jobs, fiscal responsibility and finding common ground in this country instead of having a strict divide.

Kaine talked of when he was governor in "the worst recession in 70 years." He lists many companies that moved their headquarters to Virginia because "we were doing some things right."

"When I was born, Virginia was about 38th in the nation of per capita income, did you know we're seventh today? Not a single state has moved as far as Virginia has," he said as proof regarding Virginia's success.

Kaine spoke of the negative aspects of Virginia 50 years ago but said that, "We decided to break down the barriers."

"We moved because we decided to embrace talent," he said. "We grew talent, and we attracted talent, and in the more talent we grew and the more tal-

ent we attracted, the more we attracted businesses and institutions that want to be around talent. So, win the talent war, and your economy will get better."

Regarding the future success of the U.S. economy, Kaine wants to make sure the U.S. wins the "talent war."

Kaine said, "The most important natural resource is in the world is not oil, it's brain power, it's talent."

Finally, Kaine spoke about common ground, talking about his year in Honduras as a missionary.

"I was selected to be mayor [of Richmond] because I had a record of helping people work together," he said.

While governor of Virginia he had two Republican houses, and he said, "Even the people I disagreed with were my friends. We didn't let disagreement on an issue poison the relationship," Kaine said.

Kaine was adamant on building a "coalition for progress," even with those who may have differing opinions.

Brendan Oudekerk, senior and president of the UMW Young Democrats organized the event after Kaine's campaign reached out to Mary Washington, and spoke well of the event.

"Attendance was awesome, I was really happy with how many people showed up," said Oudekerk on the amount of community members in the crowd.

Oudekerk was impressed with Kaine's realistic expectations of the elections turn out.

"Tim Kaine has a really good feel for how Virginia politics works, and I think he has what it takes to know how to win."

Sophomore Keegan Cook attended the event and while he doesn't identify with the party,

he saw some positives in Kaine's economic strategy.

"The economy is obviously something that concerns a lot of us and is a reason why a lot of Republicans or Republican identifying people would vote for a Republican," Cook said. "But his clear, defined economic strategy is something that I would be willing to vote for as the election progresses."

When asked about his speech and the positive response from the audience, Kaine also responded, "I felt good. Some of them are there for me, but I would even say even more of them are there because they know 2012 is a big year, they want to help me help the president. There's a lot of energy."

Kaine spoke about his many well-received experiences at UMW as well.

"I've done a lot of events at Mary Washington over the years, I wanted to do something that would pull Democrats from the region, so this is a place everybody knows. Every time I've done an event here, it's been great," he said.

Kaine ended, saying, "Every time we're at Mary Washington, we get a great reception and always walk away with a lot of enthusiasm."

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## Employment History Honored by University

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Owens and Riley all received awards for five years of employment. Newett received his for 15 years and Hawkins for 20.

"I have always worked here at the university, 15 years this February," said Newett, who works as a network analyst senior in George Washington Hall.

Other employees, like Owens and Riley, have not always been

with UMW.

"I did work at another university, Longwood University, before I came here. I began working at Longwood in 2006 and came to UMW last summer," said Owens, a UMW instructional technical specialist.

Riley, a board-certified family practitioner, joined UMW in 2007 after working in private family practice for 23 years.

Riley is now the Director of the Student Health Center and the University Physician.

According to Lee, the month before recognition, supervisors are informed that one of their employees will be recognized the following month. During the month of recognition, it is up to the supervisor to present the award in a meaningful way and in a personal setting.



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# Sports

## Men's Lacrosse Upends Tigers



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The Hampden-Sydney squad that the UMW men's lacrosse team defeated had a 12-win season last year.

By KEVIN BOILARD

The University of Mary Washington's men's lacrosse team played like a team on a mission last Saturday as they took down Hampden-Sydney College in a home match.

The team's mission was to knock off the HSC Tigers, which is something they've failed to do the past two seasons, and improve their record to 2-0. Early in the game, it became apparent that the team's goal would not be denied.

Junior midfielder Sean Dacey was the first to find the back of

the net. Sophomore attackman Luke Dick followed shortly thereafter by adding a goal of his own, but the opening quarter would ultimately end in a 2-2 draw as the Tigers were able to mount two late goals to tie the score.

The Eagles once again came out strong to start the second quarter and UMW dominated the frame. Junior attackman Paul Tunick sparked a four-goal scoring run for the Eagles with his first goal of the game 3:51 left in the half.

"I took the ball behind the net and went to my strong hand,"

Tunick said about his goal, "I did an inside roll on my defender and the move worked. I didn't even have to think about it. It just felt natural."

Senior defenseman John Tobin, who played a huge part in the team's defensive efforts, took the ball down the field on the ensuing face off and scored, making the score 4-2. Senior attackman Harry Snyder scored on a rebound shortly after Tobin's goal, increasing the Eagles lead to three.

The scoring run was capped off by an incredible play in which Tunick fed Dacey across the field and gave him a wide open look from nearly 20 yards out. Dacey fired a rocket of a shot, inches away from the goalie's left hip and just inside the left pipe. The Eagles went into halftime with a 6-2 lead and all the momentum.

"I think we played harder," head coach Kurt Glaeser said after the game, "We looked like we just wanted it more."

One of those players who looked like he wanted nothing more than to win was senior goalie Matt Prin.

The Eagles defense, anchored by Prin, held HSC scoreless for the entire second and third quarter. Prin had a strong game, racking up 19 saves, but also reaped the benefits of having a stingy defense in front of him.

"Matt Prin played very well," Glaeser said, "and John Tobin played shut down defense all

day as well. [Hampden-Sydney] had four preseason All-Americans and our defense shut most of them down. We have a relatively young offensive team and, at times, our defensive play carries us."

The offense did go into a scoring lull in the third quarter. The only goal came from an extra man opportunity in which sophomore attackman John Bohlinger found fellow sophomore attackman Pete McDermott for a look on the crease.

With the offense struggling, HSC crept back into the game by scoring two quick goals at the beginning of the fourth quarter making the score 7-4.

The Eagles quickly stifled any talk of a comeback with another goal by Dick, but the game was not put completely out of reach until Dacey scored his third goal of the game with 2:47 left to play, making the score 10-5.

After two garbage time goals for HSC, time expired and the Eagles celebrated a 10-7 victory and a 2-0 start to the season.

"I was really pumped up for this game. We were all riled up," Prin said after the game, "We needed to make a statement today and we did."

The Eagles (2-0) christened the Battlegrounds' new turf field with a win last Saturday, and now they prepare to travel to Westminster, MD. this Saturday to take on the McDaniel Green Terror (1-0).

## Men's Basketball Preps for Hood

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percent from distance.

The rediscovery of their long-range stroke helped UMW lead after the first 10 minutes of the second half. But the Eagles' problem was that though they heated up, they didn't get as zoned in as Wesley, who shot a scorching 64 percent from the field after the break. Bairley said that the Wolverines second-chance points and the inability of his team to defend the paint was the deciding factor.

"They had 40 of their 73 points in the paint," Bairley said. "That's something that we talked about prior to the game and something we knew we needed to defend. That was the single biggest key."

Wesley took control in the final 10 minutes, extending their lead to as many as nine points. Though the Eagles hung around late and made it interesting, they eventually fell 73-70 to settle for second place in the conference.

UMW broke even on the glass (47 to 47) and won the turnover battle (11 to 16), but it wasn't enough. Senior Mike Harvey led the Eagles with 20 points, while sophomore Bradley Riester (17 points and eight rebounds) and freshman Sean Armstrong (16 points and nine rebounds) gave Mary Washington production off the

bench.

Now the men's basketball team tries to put the bitter loss behind them and prepare for tonight's CAC semifinal matchup against Hood College.

"[Hood] has one really strong scorer in Cameron Cook, and both games he's played well against us so we need to make sure we shut him down," senior captain Tad Dickman said.

Harvey agreed with Dickman that defense would be key.

"Both games we played against them we forced a lot of turnovers, and in the game up there that was the big thing," Harvey said.

The crucial thing, according to Bairley, will be how the team deals with the emotions that they are experiencing.

"It takes on a different degree of emotion and incentive because of what's happened with coach [Wood]," Bairley said. "I'd lie to you if I said it didn't, but that's something that we need to bury deep down and channel it and remain composed."

But one thing Bairley isn't worried about in this win or go-home game is the effort his team will bring.

"Our kids are going to fight their asses off [tonight]," Bairley said. "They're going to play as hard as they have in their entire lives. I can guarantee that."

## Women's Lacrosse Dominates

By MICHAEL HARVEY

On a day when freezing temperatures and snowfall were expected, the Lady Eagles lacrosse team heated up the field en route to a 12-2 blowout victory over the visiting St. Joseph's College (NY) Golden Eagles this past Sunday.

The No. 17 ranked University of Mary Washington women's lacrosse team tallied three goals in the first five minutes of the match and never looked back. Six different UMW players scored in the first half, resulting in a commanding 10-1 halftime lead.

The Eagles slowed down their offensive attack in the second half, but continued to stifle St. Joseph's defensively. Mary Washington dominated the ball

for much of the game, posting 46 shot attempts while holding the Golden Eagles to just five. UMW won the turnover battle, committing just 19 giveaways compared to 33 for St. Joseph's, and the Eagles also finished with a 33-21 advantage in ground balls.

Mary Washington seniors Catherine Kennedy and Laruen Callison recorded three goals apiece in the win, while junior midfielder Keller Torrey recorded seven total points with two-goal, five-assist performance.

From the outside it would appear the Eagles played a great game overall, yet the team knows they still had a few lapses which they can improve upon.

"We had some first game jitters that had us playing down to our competition at times," soph-

omore midfielder Jenna Petrucci said.

Torrey agreed with her younger teammates' assessment.

"We need to work on playing the entire game and play as well as we did in the first half in the second half," Torrey said.

The Lady Eagles start out the season 1-0 and hope to use the win as a confidence-booster heading into today's home contest against highly touted Gettysburg College at 4 p.m. The Bullets are the defending Division III national champions and are currently the top-ranked women's lacrosse program at the D-III level.

"Winning the first game is very important because it sets the tone for the rest of the season," Petrucci said.

That tone, the Eagles hope, will not only help give them a chance to upset last year's NCAA Tournament Champions, but also propel them onto greater things this season. The Lady Eagles players aren't looking at rankings heading into this pivotal game, as in their eyes, those sorts of things don't mean much.

"We aren't going to focus on them being first or us being 17th," Petrucci said. "Every team is beatable, so if we focus on playing as a unit and trusting each other we believe we can beat anyone."

Torrey once again sided with her younger counterpart.

"As long as we play our game and do everything we've practiced, we can beat Gettysburg and that's what we plan on doing," Torrey said.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior Catherine Kennedy scored three goals in the Lady Eagles' 12-2 trouncing of St. Joseph's College.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The track and field teams competed in the inaugural Indoor CAC Championships on Feb. 19, with the women taking third and the men finishing fourth.

## Baseball Comes Up Short

By AHMED MALIK

Randolph-Macon College proved to be formidable an opponent for the University of Mary Washington baseball team this past Saturday, as the Eagles failed to come away with a win in their home doubleheader.

The visiting Yellow Jackets took the first game over UMW 2-0, and then tied the second game 1-1 in a 14-inning standoff. RMC used tough pitching to hold the Eagles to just six hits and no runs in the first game en route to a shutout. Junior pitcher Michael Straub pitched seven strong innings for the Eagles, recording five strikeouts and allowing just two runs on seven hits. Yet Straub was outdueled by Randolph-Macon's Jamie Hendrick, who struck out six in his complete game victory.

The second game saw a continued standoff between both teams, as stellar pitching and defense kept the game's scoring at a minimum. RMC took the early lead in the second inning on an RBI-single by catcher Ryan Dicht, while Yellow Jackets pitcher Michael Helbig held the Eagles offense at bay.

But UMW responded in the bottom of the seventh inning

when senior outfielder Jeffrey Zeisler got things started with a leadoff single and later scored on designated hitter Seth Jordan's sacrifice fly to force extra innings.

The following seven innings were scoreless on both sides before the game was called a tie because of insufficient light. Eagles' senior pitcher Matt Abramson put up a sparkling line (nine

good team. Give their pitchers credit," Straub said. "It's important that we learn from these two games and move forward heading into our next matchup."

Despite the loss, a couple of the Eagles' strengths were on display during the doubleheader.

"Our pitching and defense was good and kept both games close to give our team a chance to win," Abramson stated. "We just have to do what we did in the bottom of the seventh inning of game two with our situational hitting and take that into every game. We're going to focus on getting better each day both offensively and defensively and that will give our team the opportunity to achieve this season's goals."

With an array of senior leadership and talent spread about, this year's baseball team is focused on capturing their second CAC championship in the last three years.

This past Saturday's results dropped the Eagles record to 1-2-1 overall while Randolph-Macon improved to 2-0-1 on the young season.

The Eagles will next play a double-header against Penn State Altoona this Saturday at noon.

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- Senior Matt Abramson

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# Sports

## Wood to Return Friday

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73-70 and thus had to settle for second place in the CAC standings.

Wood declined to comment on the particulars of the DUI case on the advice of his attorney, as it is still an ongoing investigation. However, the 16-year Eagles' head coach did express sadness that he became a distraction to his team.

"I feel horrible," Wood said. "I'm embarrassed. I feel that I let my team down, and I told them that. Regardless of what happens in court, it won't fix that. I'm paying a very heavy price, both physically and emotionally."

Wood went on to say that these trying times have shown him who is really in his corner.

"People who know me have been very supportive," Wood said. "The University has been very supportive. When things are going well, you don't see things in the light they may actually be in. But when put under

duress, you find out who your real support system is."

In a phone interview last Saturday, Hegmann expressed regret that the situation occurred.

"Everybody makes mistakes; we are all human," Hegmann said. "Rod made a mistake and it's unfortunate timing but that's how life is. You can't plan when these things will occur. Hopefully he'll just learn from this mistake and become a better person from it."

In an in-person interview on Tuesday, Hegmann confirmed his meeting earlier that day with Wood and Searcy and said that a personnel decision had been reached. However, the longtime AD said that he was directed by the human resources department not to comment on the details of what was said in the meeting.

Hegmann did divulge that the University conducted a detailed investigation before coming to a decision on Wood's future.

"The details and depth of that investigation was as thorough as

we could possibly make it," Hegmann said. "We're satisfied that we have just about every detail that's possible to get without going out and playing lawyer and calling in witnesses and subpoenaing people, because we don't have that power."

Wood, the four-time conference coach of the year who has manned the men's basketball program since 1996, had his team one win away from being crowned regular season CAC champions before he was temporarily stripped of his coaching duties.

Wood said he talked with his team last Friday, Feb. 17, in a brief, 15-minute meeting in which Hegmann was also present to inform them that he was being put on administrative leave. Wood said that he has not met with his team since.

The men's basketball players all declined to comment on the issue.

Bairley said when he heard the news of Wood's arrest that he was strictly concerned for his colleague's well-being.

"My immediate concern was for coach Wood, his wife Amy and their kids," Bairley said. "That was my first thought; just genuine concern for coach. I've been here 13 years and he and I are very close."

If the men's basketball team is victorious tonight, they will advance to the conference championship game on Saturday and Wood will be eligible to return for that contest.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Wimmer (14) led UMW with 17 points, six rebounds, seven assists and five steals.

## Lady Eagles Finish 25-0

*Women's basketball finishes regular season undefeated*

By ZACH MORETTI

The University of Mary Washington women's basketball team sat at 24-0 on Feb. 18, the Capital Athletic Conference regular season title already in their back pocket, with only one game against Wesley College standing between the Lady Eagles and a perfect regular season.

This is the same Wesley team that just last year stunned top-seeded UMW in the semifinals of the CAC Tournament, quickly dashing all the postseason aspirations head coach Deena Applebury had for her team.

So this past Saturday, the No. 7 Eagles were not caught off guard, as they exercised their demons by dismantling one of this year's conference bottom feeders in a 50-point massacre, 97-47.

"As a team our sentiment was that we kind of owed them one," Applebury said. "Knowing that Wesley wasn't going to be in the conference tournament, this was going to be our last crack at them, so the kids just came out fired up ready to play and really wanted to put it to them this time around."

The Wolverines got on the

board first with an early layup, but it was all Mary Washington after that. The Lady Eagles dominated the game throughout, and at halftime UMW had secured a commanding 48-23 lead. The second half was more of the same, as the Mary Washington lead only grew after the break, finally ballooning to the 50-point margin before the clock struck zeros to improve UMW to 25-0.

"We're definitely really proud of [the perfect regular season] and it's something that no one can take away from us, but we're not done," senior Jenna McRae said. "The season's kind of divided into three; the regular season, the conference tournament and then the NCAA's, so we still have two more things we want to accomplish."

The oppressive, top-ranked Division III defense that UMW has become known for was at its best once again, as the host Wolverines committed 19 turnovers and converted just 30.8 percent of their field goal attempts. Yet the Eagles offense was not to be outdone on this day, as Applebury's team connected on their shots at a 52.5 percent clip, including a blistering 47.8 percent on 3-pointers

(11-23).

Senior Katie Wimmer did it all for the Eagles in the blowout victory, as she scored 17 points, grabbed six rebounds, tallied seven assists and swiped five steals. McRae and fellow senior Claire Brooks were also top-flight performers in UMW's 25th victory of the season, as McRae finished with a game-high 21 points and Brooks contributed with her 17-point, seven-rebound output off the bench.

Despite their large number of runaway victories, Wimmer said the Eagles aren't concerned about how things will turn out should UMW get into a dog-fight.

"We have had a lot of blowouts, but there's been a few games where they've been close like CNU and Ferrum and we've proved that we can pull them out," Wimmer said. "I think those were good trial runs for the postseason now, so I'm glad we played those teams."

The Eagles will play host to Marymount University tonight at 6 p.m. in the semifinals of the CAC Tournament. UMW beat the Saints by double figures in both of their regular season meetings this year.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Rod Wood with his five senior basketball players at Mary Washington's Feb. 15 game against Stevenson University.

## Athlete of the Week

The *Bullet* Athlete of the Week goes to Lindsay Raulston who defeated Division I George Mason University's No. 1 on Sunday in a tiebreaker 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 10-5.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

## Swim Teams Capture CAC Titles

By WES HOST

Last weekend in St. Mary's City, Md. the UMW women's swim team did something they have done since their senior swimmers were born. Dominated. The women's swim team won the Capital Athletic Conference tournament for the 22nd straight year. The Eagles' overall score was 924.5 with their closest competition, St. Mary's College, 246 points back.

"It feels amazing to be champions again," said senior Megan DeSmit.

After 22 years of swimming supremacy, one would think Mary Washington has the championship in the bag every year.

"In reality it's not that easy," said DeSmit. "We still have competition from the other teams and we still have to work hard to come home with the win."

On the first day of competition, the Eagles took first and second in the 500 freestyle with, DeSmit and sophomore Jessica Singer whose times were 5:09.30 and 5:10.93 respectively. They also took the 400 medley relay with a time of 3:57, with individual performances by senior Kelly Scott, DeSmit, freshman Amber Kerico and freshman Robin Brazier. They led 238-179 over St. Mary's, who actually beat the Eagles in the regular season.

On day two of competition, the Eagles looked to increase their lead while St. Mary's



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The women's swimming team won their 22nd straight CAC Championship last weekend, while the men were crowned for the 12th straight year.

nipped at their heels. The women emerged victorious in the 200 free relay with a time of 1:49.50 with efforts from Lindsay Ancellotti, DeSmit, Scott and Singer. DeSmit also won the 100 breaststroke with a CAC record 1:05.28. Kerico won the 100 butterfly with time of 57.45 and Brazier won the 200 freestyle with the time of 1:57.37. Another impressive victory was in the 800 freestyle relay which featured DeSmit, Brazier, Kerico and freshman Alex Parrish. The four finished in 7:52.87. The women's squad moved into the final day up 662.5 to St. Mary's 446.

On the final day of the competition, Scott won the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:09.69, DeSmit won the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:20.61. Kerico was named CAC Rookie of the Year.

The men have only won the CAC 12 years in a row.

They weren't in the water for long the first time. Junior Nick

Eckhoff won the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:38.98 and freshman Alex Anderson won the 50 freestyle with a time of 20.97. In the 200 freestyle relay the team of freshman Matt Arnold, junior Andrew Cole, freshman Mike Hudgins and senior Austin Clark came in first with a time of 1:25.86 and in the 400 medley relay, Eckhoff, Peter Slattery, Billy Norfolk and Anderson finished first with a conference record 3:26. The men already had the upper-hand on St. Mary's by 109 points.

The second day of competition saw wins from Norfolk in the 100 butterfly with a time of 50.82, Eckhoff in the 200 freestyle with a CAC record 1:41:47, Slattery in the 100 breaststroke with the time of 58:38 and Tom Rinaldi in the 100 backstroke at 52:80. The relay teams were also on point with the team of Anderson, Eckhoff, Slattery and Norfolk winning the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:25.86 and the 800

free relay at 6:54.44. Their lead rose to 292.

On the last day of competition Andrew Garafolo won the 1650 freestyle with a time of 16:50.59, Eckhoff won the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:53.09, Clark won the 100 freestyle with a time of 46.98 and Anderson won the 200 breaststroke with a CAC record 2:05.87. Norfolk won the 200 butterfly with a time of 1:52.09. In the 400 freestyle relay, Jack McHugh, Andrew Cole, Brian O'Donnell and Clark took first with a time of 3:10.02.

Anderson was named CAC rookie of the year while Eckhoff was named the CAC swimmer of the year.

Despite All-Americans Stephen Clendenin and Sarah Crockett leaving for graduation, their big swim caps were filled by the a handful of quick freshman and veteran seniors who look to put their names on the record board at Goolrick next season.

## Men's Basketball Loses at Wesley

By ZACH MORETTI

The University of Mary Washington's men's basketball team entered last Saturday's road game at Wesley College knowing that a win would earn them the conference's regular season crown as well as the top seed in the Capital Athletic Conference Tournament.

Yet the day before the crucial road test, the Eagles found out that they would be traveling to Delaware without their head coach Rod Wood, who was placed on administrative leave following a DUI arrest on Feb. 15.

Associate head coach Dan Bairley acted as head coach for the game, and while he acknowledged Wood not being there had an effect, he thought the team was mature enough to deal with the adversity.

"We have five seniors and we have really mature kids," Bairley said. "This isn't happening early in the year. We've played together since October, so we're a pretty unified group. Our kids fight for each other and they'll fight for whoever's on the sideline and give them everything they have."

The Eagles didn't get their biggest game of the season to-date off to the best start, as UMW shot just 25 percent from the field in the first half, and shot just seven percent on 3-pointers.

"We were 1-14 on 3's in the first half," Bairley said, "and they were wide open looks, looks that we normally knock down. Our offense was working.

*"Our kids are going to fight their asses off [tonight]. They're going to play as hard as they have in their entire lives. I can guarantee that."*

- Associate Coach Dan Bairley

They weren't doing anything to stop us, we just didn't shoot the ball well in the first half."

Despite the early shooting woes, the Eagles only found themselves down one-point as they headed to the locker room for intermission. Mary Washington improved their shooting in the second half, particularly from long-range, where they hit eight 3-pointers and shot 47.1

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